

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize the directors and employees of the Community Supervision
3 and Corrections Department (CSCD) for their outstanding service to
4 the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, With locations throughout Texas, the CSCD is
6 responsible for providing community supervision or adult probation
7 services to hundreds of thousands of individuals, and it offers
8 numerous programs that are designed to change individual behavior
9 and help protect the community; and

10 WHEREAS, The agency's directors, along with their teams,
11 tirelessly manage all aspects of the adult probation departments
12 within their jurisdictions, aim to improve lives through the use of
13 best practices, and encourage individuals assigned to community
14 supervision to take positive steps toward enhancing their quality
15 of life; and

16 WHEREAS, The committed individuals who have contributed
17 immeasurably to the successful reintegration of formerly
18 incarcerated individuals into the community include: Paul Becker,
19 director of Harris County CSCD; Stephen L. Enders, director of
20 West Texas CSCD; George Hernandez, director of Caldwell County
21 CSCD; Steven T. Henderson, director of Lubbock/Crosby Counties
22 CSCD; Leighton Iles, director of Fort Bend County CSCD; Todd
23 Jermstad, interim director of Bell County CSCD; Dr. Geraldine Nagy,
24 director of Travis County CSCD; Dr. Michael E. Noyes, director of

1 Dallas County CSCD; Tom Plumlee, director of Tarrant County CSCD;
2 Jim Stott, director of Jefferson County CSCD; and Rodney J.
3 Thompson, director of Angelina County CSCD, as well as many other
4 caring and hardworking employees; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul Becker has worked diligently with state
6 legislators to advocate for stronger probation departments on
7 behalf of the entire field of community corrections; Mr. Becker has
8 also made much-needed improvements to the Harris County CSCD with
9 his knowledge of treatment programs and team building; and

10 WHEREAS, Stephen L. Enders has brought progressive and
11 innovative programming to adult probation in El Paso for more than
12 35 years; he has implemented and administered many smart-on-crime
13 community corrections programs in the area, including an adult
14 probation learning center, a treatment alternative to
15 incarceration program, and victim services; moreover, Mr. Enders
16 has presented fresh, evidence-based ways of management, and he is
17 the chair of the Probation Advisory Committee (PAC) and a member of
18 the Texas Probation Association (TPA) and the Texas Corrections
19 Association; and

20 WHEREAS, George Hernandez is retiring at the end of August
21 2009, after a long and admirable career marked by dedication and
22 service to community corrections; he has devoted numerous hours as
23 an advocate for recruiting and retaining quality officers, and he
24 has passionately represented the interests of the Central Texas
25 regional chiefs as a member of the Probation Advisory Committee and
26 as the current co-chair of the TPA Adult Legislative Committee; and

27 WHEREAS, Steven T. Henderson has contributed to the field of

1 community supervision for more than two decades with his impeccable
2 work ethic and extensive knowledge about those programs and
3 supervision strategies that have been proven beneficial to the
4 community; Mr. Henderson is a much sought-after resource, and he
5 consistently provides his staff with the tools and encouragement
6 they need to serve their clients effectively; and

7 WHEREAS, Leighton Iles is an invaluable resource for
8 legislators, probation directors, advocacy groups, and judges,
9 with over 20 years of experience in addressing substance abuse and
10 community supervision issues; recognized for his willingness to go
11 above and beyond what is expected of him, Mr. Iles was granted
12 membership on the TPA Adult Legislative Committee, and in October
13 2007, he was appointed to represent all 122 CSCD offices on the
14 Judicial Advisory Council; and

15 WHEREAS, Todd Jermstad shares his experience with
16 smart-on-crime criminal justice policies and his extensive
17 legislative knowledge with judges, probation directors, and such
18 advocacy groups as the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and the
19 Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation;
20 Mr. Jermstad's willingness to support the efforts of those who seek
21 his help is constant and unparalleled, and it has made him a trusted
22 and irreplaceable friend to many within the field of community
23 supervision; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Geraldine Nagy has worked with the Texas
25 Legislature during several sessions to improve community
26 corrections, and she genuinely understands the role of adult
27 probation departments in changing the lives of those placed under

1 supervision and in making the community safer; Dr. Nagy has
2 dedicated her outstanding career to researching and implementing
3 effective justice system practices in her current position and
4 through her former roles as deputy director for the Community
5 Justice Assistance Division of the Texas Department of Criminal
6 Justice and deputy director of Bastrop County CSCD; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Michael E. Noyes is a valuable asset to the
8 criminal justice system, and his implementation of evidence-based
9 best practices is improving the lives of many Texans; Mr. Noyes has
10 more than 20 years of experience in the administration of public and
11 private agencies that provide direct services to at-risk families,
12 delinquent and dependent youth, and adults within the community
13 corrections environment; along with his committed and
14 knowledgeable team, he has spent considerable time during this
15 session working with policy makers who are seeking smart-on-crime
16 approaches that increase public safety and use tax revenue
17 efficiently; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom Plumlee has gained the respect and admiration of
19 his peers by devoting his career to enhancing the lives of those
20 involved in the adult probation system; he has served as a CSCD
21 director for more than two decades in Amarillo and later Fort Worth,
22 and he has also worked as a probation officer for the Dallas County
23 Probation Department; and

24 WHEREAS, Jim Stott has been a leader in the field of adult
25 probation as a former president and co-chair of the TPA Adult
26 Legislative Committee; with his active participation and his
27 incredible dedication, he has helped his colleagues find solutions

1 to the problems facing community supervision, and he has remained a
2 strong advocate of community corrections; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1983, Rodney J. Thompson has proven his
4 commitment to strengthening community supervision in Texas, and he
5 continues to serve on the board of directors for TPA and as co-chair
6 of the TPA Adult Legislative Committee; Mr. Thompson was recognized
7 as the Supervisor of the Year for the Tarrant County CSCD in 2005,
8 and he has advocated for qualified staff and additional
9 smart-on-crime strategies that will target the root causes of
10 criminal behavior and address the needs of those suffering from
11 substance abuse; and

12 WHEREAS, The CSCD directors have made lasting contributions
13 to the areas they serve, and they have helped to strengthen the
14 Texas criminal justice system by reducing incarceration costs,
15 increasing public safety, and promoting independent and
16 responsible living; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby honor all employees of the Community Supervision
19 and Corrections Department for their notable public service, and
20 extend to them sincere appreciation for their dedication to the
21 criminal justice corrections community; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the CSCD directors as an expression of high regard by
24 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2406

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2406 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House